

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

FRANCHISE GROUP, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-12480 (JTD)

(Jointly Administered)

Rel. Dkt. No. 488

**CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL REGARDING APPLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL
COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR AUTHORIZATION
TO EMPLOY AND RETAIN PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP
AS COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED
CREDITORS EFFECTIVE AS OF NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

1. The undersigned hereby certifies that, on December 20, 2024, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) filed the *Application of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditor for Authorization to Employ and Retain Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP as Counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Effective as of November 21, 2024* (the “Application”) [Docket No. 488].

¹ The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of their U.S. federal tax identification numbers, to the extent applicable, are Franchise Group, Inc. (1876), Freedom VCM Holdings, LLC (1225), Freedom VCM Interco Holdings, Inc. (2436), Freedom Receivables II, LLC (4066), Freedom VCM Receivables, Inc. (0028), Freedom VCM Interco, Inc. (3661), Freedom VCM, Inc. (3091), Franchise Group New Holdco, LLC (0444), American Freight FFO, LLC (5743), Franchise Group Acquisition TM, LLC (3068), Franchise Group Intermediate Holdco, LLC (1587), Franchise Group Intermediate L, LLC (9486), Franchise Group Newco Intermediate AF, LLC (8288), American Freight Group, LLC (2066), American Freight Holdings, LLC (8271), American Freight, LLC (5940), American Freight Management Company, LLC (1215), Franchise Group Intermediate S, LLC (5408), Franchise Group Newco S, LLC (1814), American Freight Franchising, LLC (1353), Home & Appliance Outlet, LLC (n/a), American Freight Outlet Stores, LLC (9573), American Freight Franchisor, LLC (2123), Franchise Group Intermediate B, LLC (7836), Buddy’s Newco, LLC (5404), Buddy’s Franchising and Licensing LLC (9968), Franchise Group Intermediate V, LLC (5958), Franchise Group Newco V, LLC (9746), Franchise Group Intermediate BHF, LLC (8260); Franchise Group Newco BHF, LLC (4123); Valor Acquisition, LLC (3490), Vitamin Shoppe Industries LLC (3785), Vitamin Shoppe Global, LLC (1168), Vitamin Shoppe Mariner, LLC (6298), Vitamin Shoppe Procurement Services, LLC (8021), Vitamin Shoppe Franchising, LLC (8271), Vitamin Shoppe Florida, LLC (6590), Betancourt Sports Nutrition, LLC (0470), Franchise Group Intermediate PSP, LLC (5965), Franchise Group Newco PSP, LLC (2323), PSP Midco, LLC (6507), Pet Supplies “Plus”, LLC (5852), PSP Group, LLC (5944), PSP Service Newco, LLC (6414), WNW Franchising, LLC (9398), WNW Stores, LLC (n/a), PSP Stores, LLC (9049), PSP Franchising, LLC (4978), PSP Subco, LLC (6489), PSP Distribution, LLC (5242), Franchise Group Intermediate SL, LLC (2695), Franchise Group Newco SL, LLC (7697), and Educate, Inc. (5722). The Debtors’ headquarters is located at 109 Innovation Court, Suite J, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

2 The Application was scheduled for hearing on January 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (ET) before the Honorable John T Dorsey. The deadline for objections to the Application were to be filed by January 8, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) (the “Objection Deadline”).

3. Prior to the Objection Deadline, the Committee received informal comments from the Office of the United States Trustee. The informal comments were resolved pursuant to the attached revised proposed order.

4. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is the revised proposed Order (the “Order”) for entry by the Court.

5. Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the proposed order attached hereto as **Exhibit A** be entered at the Court’s earliest convenience.

Dated: January 21, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP

/s/ Colin R. Robinson

Bradford J. Sandler (DE Bar No. 4142)
Colin R. Robinson (DE Bar No. 5524)
919 North Market Street, 17th Floor
P.O. Box 8705
Wilmington, DE 19899-8705 (Courier 19801)
Telephone: (302) 652-4100
Facsimile: (302) 652-4400
Email: bsandler@pszjlaw.com
crobinson@pszjlaw.com

-and-

Robert J. Feinstein (admitted *pro hac vice*)
Alan J. Kornfeld (admitted *pro hac vice*)
Theodore S. Heckel (admitted *pro hac vice*)
780 Third Avenue, 34th Floor
New York, NY 10017
Telephone: (212) 561-7700
Facsimile: (212) 561-7777
Email: rfeinstein@pszjlaw.com
akornfeld@pszjlaw.com
theckel@pszjlaw.com

*Proposed Counsel to the Official Committee
of Unsecured Creditors*